



# THE PIRATE POST

## Palencia Elementary School

April 23, 2024

MS. CATHERINE GOODRICH, PRINCIPAL  
MS. THERESA COOPER, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL  
MS. COURTNEY JOHNSON, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

## FIRST MATE'S LOG



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, April 22-Friday, April 26:  
"Be the Change" drive

Tuesday, April 23:  
Interims Issued  
&

Night of the Arts  
@ 6:00pm-7:30pm

Monday, April 29:  
District Speech Contest  
@ 4:00pm-6:00pm

Wednesday, May 1:  
PTO meeting @8:40am

Thursday, May 2:  
New Kinder Info Night  
@ 5:00pm-6:15pm

Monday, May 6:  
SAC Meeting  
Media Center @ 4:00pm

Thursday, May 16:  
2nd grade Musical Performance  
Cafeteria @ 6:00pm- 7:00pm

Friday, May 17:  
5th grade Promotion Ceremony  
Tocoi Creek High School  
@ 5:00pm-6:30pm

Welcome to Spring, Palencia Pirates!

The Comedian Jim Carrey once said "Flowers don't worry about how they're going to bloom. They just open up and turn toward the light and that makes them beautiful." Much like the flowers, we are truly seeing our students bloom with knowledge around here. The students who were, in Fall, learning to identify letter sounds, are now blending those sounds into words. Students who were struggling to memorize multiplication facts are now using those facts to answer word problems. Classroom families have blossomed into forever friends, and we are now looking towards summer where we can celebrate all that we have learned.

It is quite hard to believe that we are counting down the days to summer. I am already listening to students chatting about summer plans. I hear that some of you are headed to the beach, cross country, and even Europe! Please consider picking up postcards in some of the places that you visit and encouraging your student to jot down a few of their favorite memories of that spot. It is a family keepsake that you will treasure.

You also may want to check out the local library for their Summer Reading Program! They have a wonderful children's program with activities each week such as story-time, puppet shows, and arts and crafts. During the hot months of the summer, our students would enjoy some time "chilling" at the library.

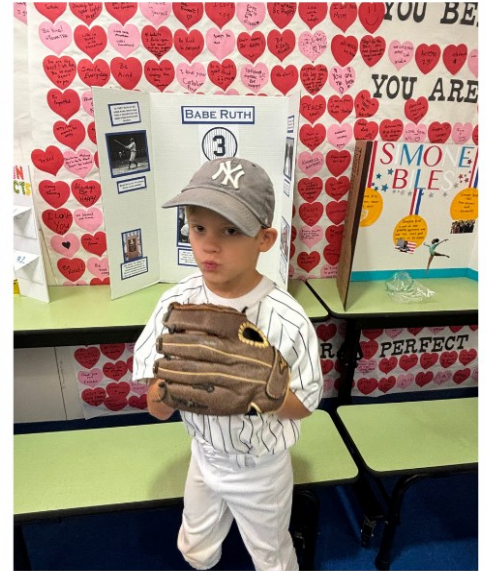
Please do not forget...testing season is here. Our K, 1, and 2 students began on April 15<sup>th</sup> and our 3, 4, and 5 Grade students begin in early May. If you have any questions, let us know. We are here to help.

As Always...It is Good to Be a Pirate,

Courtney Johnson  
Assistant Principal

APRIL 2024

# *For the Love of Literacy*



## LIVING MUSEUM

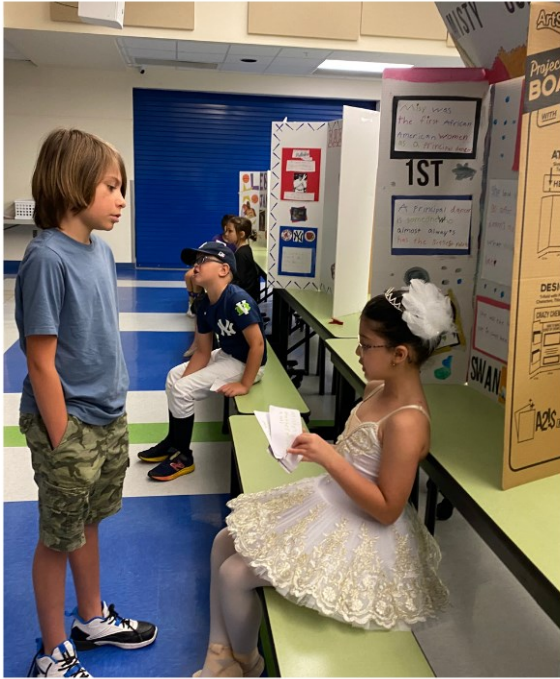
### GRADE 1



History came alive at Palencia Elementary School on Wednesday, April 3, 2024. First-grade students dressed as historical figures and shared the individual's contribution to society as fellow Pirate students, teachers, and families listened intently. This interactive experience prompted our first-grade students to conduct research and showcase their learning in a fun way! It was a proud moment for all involved!







*First Grade Living Museum*





# GOUNSELOR GORN&R



## TAKE A MOMENT TO PAT YOURSELF ON THE BACK

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT IS ALMOST THE END OF SCHOOL YEAR? CONGRATULATIONS, YOU HAVE HELPED YOUR CHILD NAVIGATE ANOTHER YEAR (OR THE FIRST) YEAR OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL! AS MUCH AS WE PRAISE THE KIDS, MAKE SURE TO TAKE A MOMENT FOR YOURSELF TOO. IT'S NOT ALWAYS EASY MANAGING SMALL HUMANS AND LIFE. WE CAN DO HARD THINGS!

### 504 ANNUAL REVIEWS:

IF YOUR CHILD HAS A CURRENT 504 PLAN AND YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS IT, PLEASE REACH OUT AND WE CAN SET ASIDE A TIME TO TALK. REMEMBER THAT WE DO NOT ADDRESS THINGS WE FORSEE OUR CHILD NEEDING IN THE FUTURE (MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL). WHEN WE MEET AS A TEAM WE CAN ADDRESS WHAT NEEDS WE SEE CURRENTLY AND HOW TO HELP IF THEY ARE FALLING BELOW GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATIONS. ANY CONCERNS FOR THE NEXT GRADE LEVEL ARE BEST DISCUSSED IN THE FIRST NINE WEEKS OF THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR SO WE CAN GET FEEDBACK FROM THE NEW TEACHER(S). REACH OUT IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TALK AT 547-4023 OR CARLY.GORDON@STJOHNS.K12.FL.US

### BIG LIFE JOURNAL- WHAT AN ANGRY CHILD NEEDS TO HEAR:

HANDLING BIG AND SOMETIMES LOUD FEELINGS CAN BE A CHALLENGE FOR PARENTS AND EDUCATORS. THERE ARE SOME GREAT TIPS FROM THE BIG LIFE JOURNAL ON THE NEXT PAGE. THESE ARE SOME GREAT REMINDERS FOR WHAT TO DO WHEN WE FEEL OUR REACTIONS BUBBLING UP. CHECK IT OUT ON THE PAGE BELOW.

WISHING EVERYONE A WONDERFUL DAY! THANKS FOR ALLOWING ME TO WORK WITH YOUR KIDS, THEY MAKE ME LAUGH EVERY DAY. GREAT JOB RAISING SOME AMAZING HUMANS.

CARLY GORDON  
SCHOOL COUNSELOR

I matter I am brave I am loved I am amazing  
I can do anything I am beautiful I can do this I am kind



# What an Angry Child

## \* Needs to Hear \*

Do you ever find yourself caught off guard by your child's sudden outbursts of anger?

It's like a storm brewing out of nowhere, leaving you powerless and unsure how to respond. **But don't lose hope just yet.**

Remember that what your child really needs is to feel '**connected**' with you again, even if it takes them a little time to let the anger work through them.



Try these phrases the next time your child is feeling angry:

**"I can see this is hard for you."**

- Tells the child they have your attention.
- Acknowledges the child expressing their feelings.

**"I am here for you."**

- Tells the child that you are present with them in that moment.
- Demonstrates compassion.
- Deepens connection and builds trust.

**"I care about how you feel."**

- Tells the child that you are present.
- Acknowledges the child's feelings.
- Demonstrates compassion.
- Creates a deeper connection.

**"I will stay with you."**

- Tells the child that you will not leave them.
- Creates a safe environment.
- Deepens connection and builds trust.
- Demonstrates resilience and patience.

**"It's OK to feel angry."**

- Tells the child that all feelings are ok.
- Acknowledges the child's feelings.
- Gives the child acceptance of feeling angry.

**"Even when you feel your worst, I love you."**

- Tells the child that you will love them, no matter how they feel or behave.
- Creates a safe environment.
- Deepens connection and builds trust.
- Demonstrates unconditional love.

By approaching your child's anger with empathy and understanding, you can turn those tense moments into opportunities for connection and growth.

Remember, it's not about avoiding conflict but navigating it in a way that strengthens your relationship with your child.



# **Congratulations to our Character Counts Trustworthiness Pillar Recipients from March**

## **Kindergarten**

Layla G.  
Grayson G.  
Ashby L.

## **1st Grade**

Callyn W.  
Lennon K.  
Evelyn A.  
Owen C.  
Nyah H.  
Harper D.  
Sophia L.

## **2nd Grade**

Cohen W.  
MiJia L.  
Bodhin W.  
Oscar A.  
Lydia F.  
Isabella E.  
Max L.  
Max L.  
Naayel A.  
Helena B.  
Harper C.  
J.J. F.  
Clark C.





# Congratulations to our Character Counts **CARING** Pillar Recipients from February

## 3rd Grade

Kristian D.  
Bryson W.  
Claire L.  
Elle B.  
Graham M.

## 4th Grade

Mason V.  
Emalyn H.  
Mariana G.  
Ben T.  
Maisy L.  
Giuliana C.  
Jolon B.  
Isabella B.  
Owen M.  
Holden K.  
Maddy R.  
Dario P.  
Tessa K.

## 5th Grade

Leighton G.  
Reagan D.  
Elijah R.A.  
Luke B.  
Erickson C.  
Leialoha L.  
Alexa L.

## The Six Pillars of Character<sup>SM</sup>





On Thursday, March 28, 2024, our fourth and fifth grade students representing their individual class presented 4H Speeches at Palencia's Florida 4H Speaking Contest. This program is underwritten by the Florida Power and Light and coordinated locally by the St. Johns County 4H program. Every student in fourth and fifth grade choose a topic, researched, organized, practiced, and presented the speech to their class. The winners advanced to the school contest and the school winner advanced to the district contest.

Each student's speech was judged both on composition and presentation. In the composition element, the judges evaluated the originality and uniqueness of the student's choice of material, as well as considering if it captured the audience's attention and if the body of the speech was logical. In the presentation element, the judges evaluated whether the students established and maintained eye contact and if the delivery was fluent, smooth, and easily understandable.

**Debby Gardner, M, Ed.**

5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher

#### **Classroom Winners:**

##### **Fourth Grade:**

Suderman: Amelia N. "Musical Theater"

Hoffman (Maxwell): Kyson F. "Bigfoot"

Duncan: Piper P. "Confidence"

Roldan: Violet E. "How Dogs Domesticated From Wolves"

Traylor: Ximena U. "Resilient Changes"

Hogan: Elizabeth M. "Paris"

##### **Fifth Grade:**

Bruinsma: Hudson T. "Growing up with Siblings"

Clark: Everleigh C. "The History of Safety Patrols"

Gardner: Ronit M. "The Piano: The Origin and Impact on Music"

Holmes: Ethan L. "Why You Should Go to College"

Hughes: Ila H. "Coconuts"





# And the Winners are...

## School Winners:

First Place: Hudson T.

Second Place: Ronit M.

Third Place: Amelia N.

Picture with Mrs. Goodrich, Principal





## **Attention All Current Student Families!**

### **Returning Student Verification**

- **(RSV)** emails were released beginning April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Your reply is what confirms each student's enrollment for the **2024-2025 school year**.
- Our school district releases these emails in batches, so it may take up to two weeks for you to receive yours.
- Look for emails from: **noreplyregistration@powerschool.com**
- RSV's submitted with a YES can be placed in a classroom

**5<sup>th</sup> grade students heading to middle school** – must include

- Proof Of Residency documentation. Once POR is verified by the elementary school, your student's file will be released to the middle school.

#### **Other families that must provide proof of residency:**

- Families with notarized Verification of Residency forms
- If your current lease expires on or before August 2024
- Any student transferring from one school to another



# Welcome to Kindergarten

## Palencia Elementary School

<http://www-pes.stjohns.k12.fl.us>

### Important Information for Upcoming Kindergarten Families SY 2024-25

#### New Kindergarten Welcome

Thursday, May 2, 2024 5:00pm – 6:15pm

Meet the kindergarten teachers and Principal Goodrich. Have an opportunity to visit a kindergarten classroom. Walk through a typical day. Learn about our PTO. Have a quick tour of the school. Please register for the Kindergarten Welcome Night on the Sign-Up Genius on our PES website.

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0948aaaf2fa6f58-48768736-newkindergarten/>

#### Screenings

Choose one date (20 minute time slots)

Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> OR Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>

Your child will meet briefly with one of Palencia Elementary's Kindergarten teachers, during which time he/she will participate in an informal screening. This will include letter recognition/sounds, basic numeracy skills, colors, shapes, and sight words.

The teacher who does your child's screening may or may not be your child's teacher.

Please be sure to arrive a few minutes early.

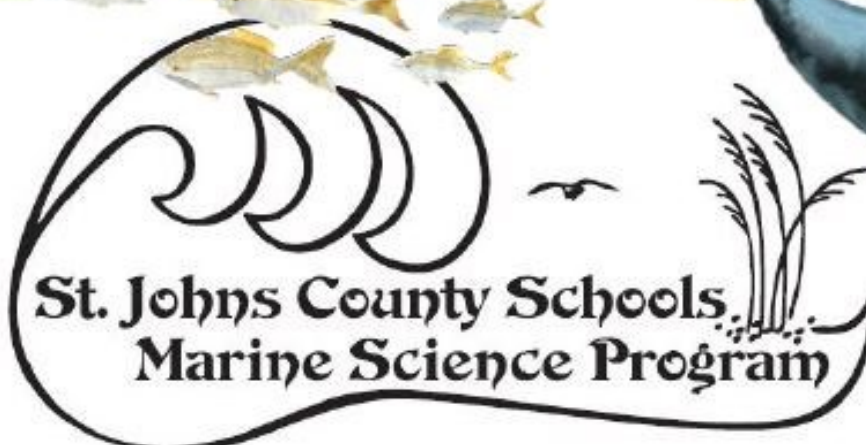
Sign up here: <http://kindergarten%20summer%20screeners/>

#### School Access

All visitors entering SJCS D schools must have approved "school access".

Visit the PES website to register NOW at <https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply/>





**St. Johns County Schools  
Marine Science Program**

**CURRENT 5TH-7TH GRADE STUDENTS  
APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN**

*Transportation  
provided*

**Session One: June 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13**

**Session Two: June 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27**

**Two Part Application Process-Click Here**

- 1. Parent online application**
- 2. Student essay/teacher recommendation**

**Canoe, Kayak, Windsurf, SUP, Surf,  
Fish and much more!**

**Don't Miss The Fun**

Check out our website site at:

<https://www-grms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/marinescience/>

**Kristina Bransford  
Program Coordinator**

[marinescienceprogram@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:marinescienceprogram@stjohns.k12.fl.us)



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A limited number of yearbooks have been ordered and may not be available later, so please reserve your copy today.

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*No cash, checks, or money orders will be accepted at the school. / ¡Pedidos en línea solamente! No se aceptarán efectivo, cheques, ni otros postales en la escuela.*

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# Pirates Need to Know...



**FORTIFYFL**  
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.

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## IMPORTANT WEBSITES AND LINKS

SJCSD Website

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us>

PES Website

<http://www-pes.stjohns.k12.fl.us>

PES PTO Website

<http://palenciapiratespto.com>

PES Attendance Policy

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/student/attendance/>

PES Attendance Form

<https://surveys.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>

## How to Access the Family Portal



The Family Portal provides a central location for your student's assessment results.

### The Family Portal can be used to

- access your student's results for FAST Progress Monitoring testing.
- access prior statewide assessment results.
- print score reports.

### How can I access the Family Portal?

- At the Florida Statewide Assessments Portal: <https://fast.org>
- Or at the direct link: <https://fl-familyportal.camblumast.com/>

### What information do I need to log in to the Family Portal?

- Your student's unique 6-digit access code (found in HAC under the Registration tab).
- Your student's date of birth.
- Your student's first name as it appears on their official school record.

### What information can I find on the Family Portal?

- Your student's results from Fall 2020 through present
- Your student's Individual Student Reports with interpretative guides.
- Glossary
- FAQs
- Performance Levels

### Where do I get the Access Code?

The code can be found in the Home Access Center (HAC) under the Registration tab. The code will be located on the right side of the page under Additional Information.







VILLAGE EXTENDED  
DAY SERVICES

Accepting applications for our  
2024-2025 Before- and After-school  
programs!

Contact our administrative team to  
reserve your spot for the Fall  
semester!

## Village Extended Day Services Presents Palencia Elementary School Extended Day!

We make things easy for you! We offer a first class on-site Extended Day program in St. Johns County. We provide an energetic environment that is safe and nurturing and filled with opportunities for learning, exercise, social development. We include a variety of fun structured activities such as STEM, cooking, group projects, arts & crafts, outdoor free play and organized sports. Our parents can be assured that their children are properly supervised, provided with engaging and stimulating activities and have an appropriate balance between homework time, exercise, skill development and social activities.

[Before school drop-off:](#)

6:30 am to 7:45 am

[After school pick-up:](#)

3:30 pm (2:30 on Wednesday) to 6:00 pm

[Phone #: \(904\) 655-6474](tel:(904)655-6474)

[Email: Donna@villageextendedday.com](mailto:Donna@villageextendedday.com)

[Website: www.Villageextendedday.com](http://www.Villageextendedday.com)

# PTO NEWS

## BE THE CHANGE

*Palencia Elementary*

COLLECTING CHANGE  
APRIL 22-26TH

The bags for collection will be put in your mailbox on Wednesday 4/17 and recollected at the end of the day on Friday 4/26.  
(NO EXCEPTIONS)

Please staple your class name and grade to the bag. All the change collected will go to the Whitney Sea Turtle Lab to the turtle we adopted.

The class who collects the most change will be invited to a Sea Turtle release (not a school event), and receive a Sea Turtle adoption certificate and a small stuffed animal for each student.

## BE THE CHANGE

*Be a hero, help save "Zero"*

COLLECTING CHANGE  
APRIL 22-26TH



Zero was found in the St. Augustine Water Treatment Facility overflow pond. The problem with this situation is that Zero is a sea turtle, and they need to live within salt water, not freshwater. Zero had zero salt left and has a long road to recovery.

The class who collects the most change will be invited to a Sea Turtle release (not a school event), and receive a Sea Turtle adoption certificate and a small stuffed animal for each student.

PES PTO Presents  
the 1st Annual

## PES Online Auction



This Gopher just  
won't quit!



Date: Friday, May 3rd - Sunday, May 5th

Winnings will be picked up at PES on  
Wednesday, May 8th and Thursday, May 9th



## Appreciation Week

♥ May 6 - May 10, 2024 ♥

MONDAY, MAY 6th - "Make it special Monday"  
Bring your teacher a homemade card or picture

TUESDAY, MAY 7th - "Teacher treat Tuesday"  
Bring your teacher a special treat from their  
Favorite Things sheet

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8th - "Wacky Wednesday"  
Bring your teacher a written joke

THURSDAY, May 9th - "Thankful Thursday"  
Fill out the "I am thankful for my teacher"  
sheet to bring your teacher

FRIDAY, May 10th - "Floral Friday"  
Bring your teacher a flower to help fill their  
classroom vase

Visit the PES PTO website  
for your Teacher's Favorite Things!

[https://palenciairatespto.com/  
teachers-favorite-things](https://palenciairatespto.com/teachers-favorite-things)





PALENCIA  
ELEMENTARY  
PIRATES  
PTO

*Thanks*

To our community for all the support this school year. Wishing all our families a happy and safe Summer Break!

*Congrats*

To our 5th Grade Graduates for their hard work all these years. Wishing them all the luck in Middle School!



**Art rocks > Birthdays rock > Music rocks  
Pirates Rock > Schools rock > Sports rock >  
Students rock > Teachers rock**

RESERVE THE ROCKS



STEP 1: SCAN here to book the rock or visit [palenciapiratespto.com](http://palenciapiratespto.com)

*Bryce Brushworks*

202.590.6759

[jessica@brycebrushworks.com](mailto:jessica@brycebrushworks.com)

STEP 2: contact Jessica for rates & availability



**BOUNTIFUL SUNDAYS**



**3rd Sunday of every month**

PROCEEDS FROM SALES GO DIRECTLY BACK TO THE PES PTO PIRATE'S BOUNTY PROGRAM

*Pirate's Bounty*



clothing | food | essential items  
for Students In Need



SCAN ME

All donations fund food bags, clothing, and other necessities for PES students in need. To sponsor a child it costs \$33 a month | \$150 half-year | \$300 whole year. Any \$\$ amount is appreciated!

**Your Donation Matters**

**Bountiful Sunday:  
Sunday May 19th ALL DAY**

**PTO Meeting:  
Wednesday, May 1st @8:40am**





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